

Senate File 381 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring that human growth and development instruction
2 provided by school districts address same-sex relationships,
3 gender identity, and contraceptives, and eliminating
4 provisions relating to abstinence-only materials and
5 abstinence-only curricula developed or offered by schools or
6 school districts.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.50, subsection 2, Code 2021, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. Each school board shall provide age-appropriate and
4 research-based instruction in human growth and development
5 including comprehensive instruction regarding human sexuality,
6 same-sex relationships, gender identity, contraceptive drugs
7 and devices, self-esteem, stress management, interpersonal
8 relationships, domestic abuse, HPV and the availability of a
9 vaccine to prevent HPV, and acquired immune deficiency syndrome
10 as required in [section 256.11](#), in grades one through twelve.

11 Sec. 2. Section 279.50, subsection 11, Code 2021, is amended
12 to read as follows:

13 11. Nothing in [this section](#) or [section 256.11](#) shall
14 be construed to prohibit a school or school district
15 from developing and making available abstinence-based ~~or~~
16 ~~abstinence-only~~ materials pursuant to the requirements
17 of [section 256.9, subsection 46](#), and from offering an
18 abstinence-based ~~or abstinence-only~~ curriculum in meeting the
19 human sexuality component of the human growth and development
20 requirements of [this section](#) and [section 256.11](#).

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill requires that school districts provide in grades
25 1 through 12 comprehensive instruction regarding human growth
26 and development, including same-sex relationships, gender
27 identity, and contraceptive drugs and devices, and retains the
28 requirement that all such instruction be age-appropriate and
29 research-based.

30 The bill strikes language that provides that schools and
31 school districts shall not be prohibited from developing and
32 making available abstinence-only materials and from offering
33 abstinence-only curricula.